Colorado State Board of Parole



Ensuring public safety through the critical evaluation of each inmate's potential to reintegrate into society.



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Mandatory vs. Discretionary Parole

- Discretionary Parole may be granted prior to an inmate's Mandatory Parole Date (MRD) by the Parole Board.
- Separate from the Parole Board, the CDOC may:
 - Refer someone to Community Corrections
 - Place someone on ISP-I
 - ISP-Inmate Status vs. ISP-Parole
- Mandatory Parole Releases are automatic; however, the parole board members set conditions of parole for these inmates.



- In Fiscal Year 2020 the Board conducted 17,111 application hearings.
- Each parole board member's agenda, depending on location, can have anywhere from 10-20 individual hearings.
- Application hearings are conducted in person, via video or phone by each parole board member four days per week.
- Every Friday at least seven board members conduct Panel Reviews to review Victim Rights Act (VRA) cases or any other case a parole board member wants reviewed by the panel.



Revocation Hearings

- In Fiscal Year 2020 the Board conducted 5,784 revocation hearings.
- Parolees can only be revoked as statue dictates:
 - New felony or misdemeanor* conviction(s)

*Revocations for misdemeanors are classified as "Technical Parole Violation" returns

- Abscond
- In possession of a weapon or caused serious bodily injury to a victim
- Terminated unsuccessfully from sex offender treatment
- Willful tampering (to include purposeful low battery) or removal of an electronic monitoring device that the parolee is required to wear as a condition of his or her parole
- Unlawful contact with victim(s)



Early Parole Discharge Applications by FY and Parole Board Decision

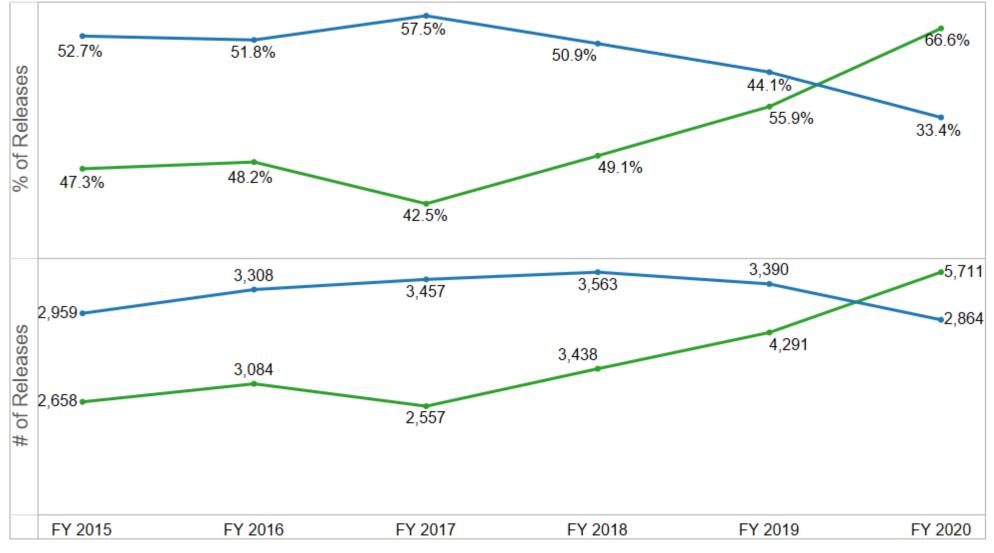
| | 2014 | 2015 | 2016 | 2017 | 2018 | 2019 | 2020 |
|------------|------|------|------|------|-------|------|-------|
| Approved # | 156 | 417 | 552 | 614 | 1,142 | 760 | 1,153 |
| Denied # | 38 | 139 | 134 | 89 | 419 | 173 | 398 |
| Approved % | 80% | 75% | 80% | 87% | 73% | 81% | 74% |
| Denied % | 20% | 25% | 20% | 13% | 27% | 19% | 26% |
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^{*}Includes all early parole discharge applications that were presented to the Parole Board and had a final decision as of 6/30/2020.



Total Discretionary and Mandatory Releases by Fiscal Year*

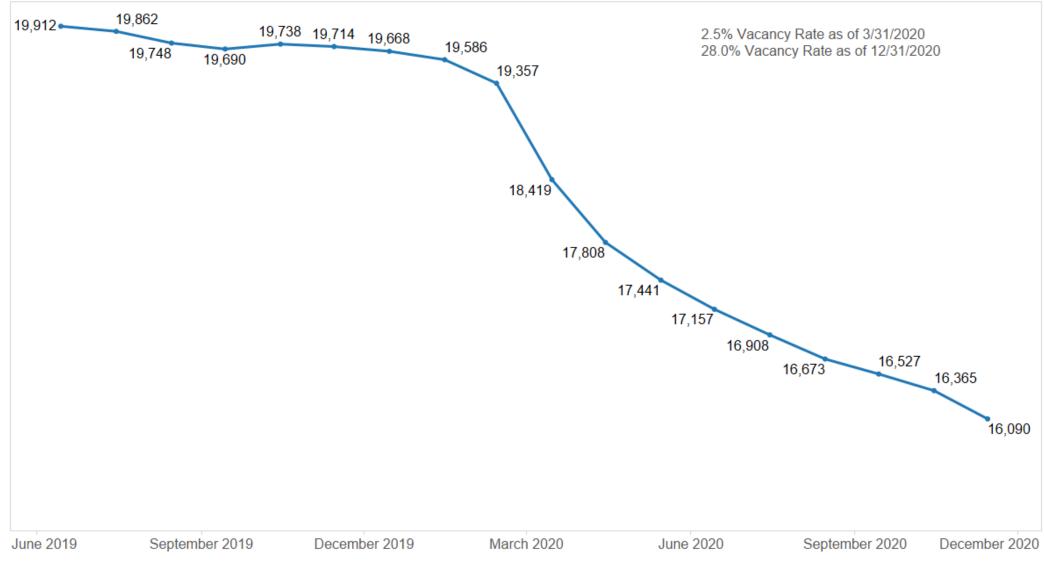
■ Discretionary Releases ■ Mandatory Releases



^{*}Data includes only Discretionary and Mandatory Releases Finalized in FY2015 through FY2020. Does not include other release types, such as Discharges, Mandatory re-parole releases, etc.



CDOC Total Inmate Jurisdictional Population July 2019 through December 2020*



^{*}Source: Colorado Department of Corrections (CDOC) Monthly Population and Capacity Reports (https://www.colorado.gov/pacific/cdoc/departmental-reports-and-statistics)

^{**}Vacancy Rates include RTP beds.



FY 2020 Quick Statistics

- 17,111 Parole Application Hearings
 - 3,200 Full Board Reviews
- 5,784 Parole Revocation Hearings
- 1,551 Early Parole Discharge Reviews
 - 309 Parole Rescission Hearings
- 1,055 File Reviews in lieu of Parole Application Hearings
 - 709 waivers

Approximately 2,400 decisions a month More than 29,000 decisions a year



Special Needs Parole

CDOC Recommendation

| Fiscal Year (Date received at the Parole Board) | 2012 | 2013 | 2014 | 2015 | 2016 | 2017 | 2018 | 2019 | 2020 | 2021(through Dec. 31, 2020) | Total |
|---|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|-----------------------------|-------|
| Recommended by CDOC | 15 | 17 | 5 | 6 | 2 | 4 | 1 | 7 | 6 | 18 | 81 |
| NOT Recommended by CDOC | 27 | 22 | 45 | 31 | 40 | 29 | 37 | 29 | 37 | 87 | 384 |
| NO Recommendation by CDOC | | 1 | | 1 | | | | | | | 2 |
| TOTAL | 42 | 40 | 50 | 38 | 42 | 33 | 38 | 36 | 43 | 105 | 467 |

Special Needs Parole

Parole Board Decisions

| Fiscal Year (Date received at the Parole Board) | 2012 | 2013 | 2014 | 2015 | 2016 | 2017 | 2018 | 2019 | 2020 | 2021(through Dec. 31, 2020) | Total |
|---|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|-----------------------------|-------|
| Granted SNP | 10 | 4 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 4 | 4 | 7 | 5 | 13 | 56 |
| Denied SNP | 30 | 33 | 46 | 32 | 35 | 28 | 33 | 29 | 37 | 91 | 394 |
| No Decision made on SNP | 2 | 3 | 2 | 3 | 3 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 17 |
| TOTAL | 42 | 40 | 50 | 38 | 42 | 33 | 38 | 36 | 43 | 105 | 362 |

^{*}Data above only includes finalized decisions by the Parole Board, no pending decisions are included.

Executive Order (EO D 2020 016) - Special Needs Parole

Parole Board Decisions

| Approved | | | |
|---------------------|----|--|--|
| Denied | 54 | | |
| Sentence Discharged | | | |
| Total Submitted | | | |

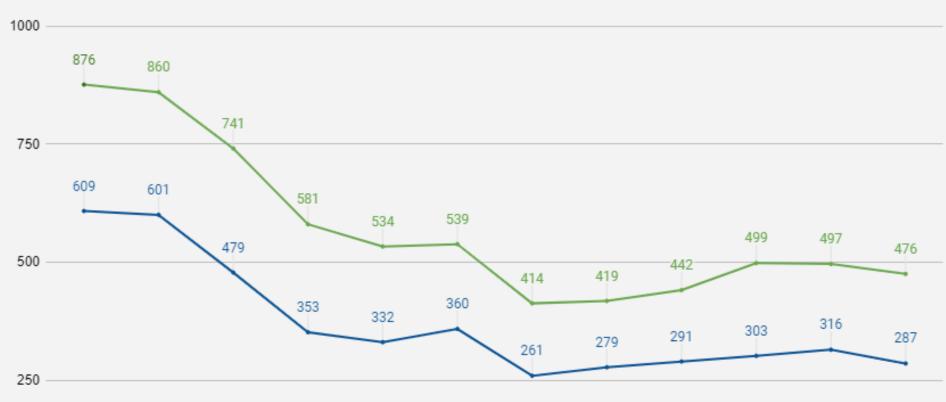
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Total Offenders Tabled at the End of Each Month









Misconception Trivia

- Is the Parole Board a part of the Colorado Department of Corrections?
 - No, the Parole Board is a separate state agency with separate decisionmaking authority; however, there is strong collaboration between the agencies.
- Does the Parole Board have direct control over the Division of Adult Parole and their supervision strategies?
 - No, the Parole Board is a separate state agency from the Division of Adult Parole; however, there is strong collaboration between the agencies.
- Does the Parole Board have direct control over Community Corrections and program placement decisions?
 - No, the Parole Board is a Type I, separate state agency.
- Does the Parole Board approve or deny parole plans?
 - No, this is the responsibility of the Division of Adult Parole.



Parole Board Projects

- Revocation Hearing and Parole Agreement Automation
 - Data is now being collected on revocation hearings outcomes to better inform future decisions
 - Increased efficiency and cost savings
 - Paper based processes are now fully electronic
- Parole Board Release Guideline Instrument (PBRGI) version 2
- Parole Board Rules revision
- Pueblo Office staff reorganization



Response to the COVID-19 pandemic

- The Parole Board looked at every decision point and identified ways to adapt and change practices in order to help support the entire justice system, by balancing public safety with public health needs.
- The Parole Board was able to work collaboratively with the CDOC to quickly and significantly reduce the number of incarcerated individuals, while maintaining public safety.
 - HB 17-1326 File Reviews
 - Six months or less to MRD
 - MRD's in 2020
 - Executive Order D 2020 16; expanded criteria for Special Needs Parole applications
 - Jail population pending a parole revocation hearing
 - Updated eligibility criteria for Early Parole Discharge
 - Offenders past Parole Eligibility Dates (PED)
- The Parole Board conducted ALL regular business (statutory) requirements during this time.



Questions?

Thank you!